

Section II (Remarks)

Amendment to the Claims

Claims 14 and 17 have been amended herein to place same in dependent form under claims 10 and 1, respectively.

In addition, new claim 21, dependent on claim 1, and new claim 22, dependent on claim 10, have been added, to encompass specific aspects of the invention. Each of the new claims recites that “the cellulosic form comprises a lyocell-type cellulosic form,” consistent with the originally filed disclosure of the application, e.g., of claims 14-17.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In the March 2, 2009 Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 between:

Group I claims 1-3 and 18-20, drawn to a method and product of a cellulosic form with a weakly linked cation-exchange resin; and

Group II claims 14-17, drawn to a method and product of a lyocell form with a weakly linked cation-exchange resin.

In response, applicants elect, with traverse, Group I claims 1-3 and 18-20.

The traversal is based on the fact that the amendment of claims 14 and 17 herein, to place claims 14-16 into dependent form under claim 10, and claim 17 into dependent form under claim 1, renders the restriction requirement moot, since all claims of Group II are now dependent directly or indirectly from Group I claims. Further, the newly added claims 21 and 22 are likewise dependent from Group I claims, so that all claims 1-22 are now in form for consolidated examination.

Fee Payable for Added Claims 21 and 22

By the present Amendment, two new claims (claims 21 and 22) have been introduced, beyond the number for which payment was previously made. Accordingly, an added claims fee of \$52 is payable for such claims, in accordance with the fee specified in 37 CFR 1.16(i). Such added claims fee is being paid by on-line credit card payment at the time of EFS submission of this response.

Authorization is also hereby given to charge the amount of any fee that is additionally properly payable, to Deposit Account No. 08-3284 of Intellectual Property/Technology Law.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, all claims 1-22 are now in form for substantive examination. It therefore is requested that the examination of this application proceed, consistent with the election and amendments made herein. If any issues require further resolution, the examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (919) 419-9350 to discuss same.

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